

The Council on Educational Services for Exceptional Children: 22-23 Annual Report

Chair: Diane H Coffey
Vice-Chair: Cynthia Daniels-Hall

Purpose

The Council on Educational Services for Exceptional Children

Advisory council to the State Board of Education, established under IDEA and NC General Statutes

- Advise State Board of Education on unmet needs of children with special needs and the development and implementation of policies related to the coordination of services for students with disabilities, developing evaluations, reporting on data, developing corrective action plans to address findings in federal monitoring

Membership

Council consists of minimum of 24 members

- 20 appointees and 5 ex-officio
- Appointed by Governor, President Pro Tem of Senate, Speaker of the House, and State Board of Education
- Diverse population representing parents, teachers, higher education, public and private schools, business/ vocational, community, and charter schools

22-23 Membership

Members

Chair: Diane Coffey (NW)
Vice-Chair: Cynthia Daniels-Hall (NC)
Christy Hutchinson (SW)
Shanna Steinert (NE)
Joanne Caratelli (SE)
Maegan Wilson (SE)
Abby Childers (SW)
Tameeka Williams-Burchette (NC)
Kristen Hodges (P-T)
Erin Crites (NE)
Tifini Ferrell (SW)
Jennifer DeGen (SW)
Christy Grant (NC)

Members, cont.

Anthony Baker (P-T)
Aimee Combs (state)
Pamela Day (S)
Megan Parsons (NW)

Executive Appointments

Matthew Potter (P-T)
Linda R McDonough (NW)

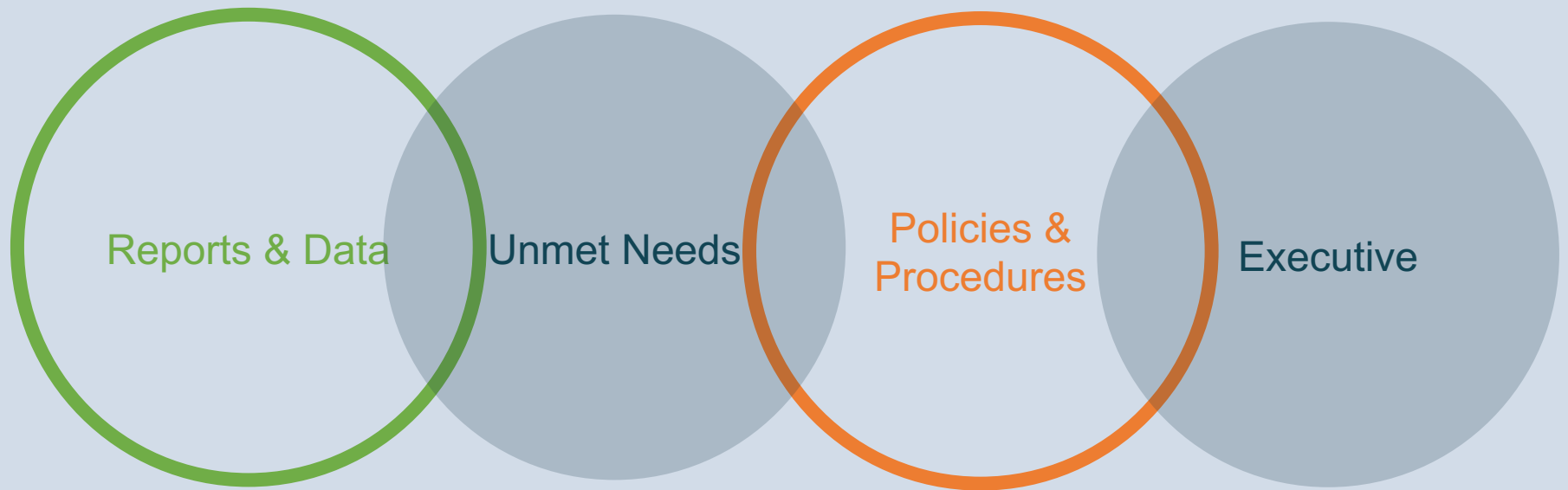
Legislative Appointments

Sen. Ted Alexander (W)
Elizabeth DeBiasi (SE)
Rep. Larry Strickland (NC)
Chris Wall (NC)

State Agencies

Sherry Thomas (DPI - EC)
Carol Anne Hudgens (DPI-EC)
Kimaree Sanders (DHHS)
Adam Johnson/ Kenya Beyah (Safety)
Sara Bigley (NCDPI- Foster Care)
Lisa Phillips (McKinney-Vento)

Committee Structure



Meeting Structure



Recommendations

Hear from the ground - invite Family Organizations who provide support to families, navigating the education system to come, speak to best practices and challenges at least once a year

- Exceptional Children's Assistance Center (ECAC)
- Disability Rights of NC (DRNC)
- Legal Aid NC - Right to Education Project
- Duke Children's Law Clinic
- Council for Children's Rights
- Family Support Network (FSN) of NC

Do a survey of other organizations that also serve families with Disabilities along with mental health concerns

- Local Management Entity-Managed Care Organization (LME/MCO) Family Partners and/or Family Navigators
- Mental Health Transformation Alliance
- NC Collaborative for Children, Youth and Families

Research continues to support that family engagement in schools contributes to positive student outcomes, including improved child and student achievement, decreased disciplinary issues, improved parent teacher and teacher-student relationships, and improved school environment.

NC Collaborative for Children, Youth and Families

Thank You

Jill Camnitz and Olivia Oxendine

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